



The Clew

**Friday, March 6th @ 6:30PM
Trivia Night/Happy Hour**

**Spring Frostbites
Sundays, March 15th, 22nd & 29th**

**Spinsheet Crew Listing Party
Sunday, March 29th at 4:00PM**

It's that time again!

2020 Annual Membership Dues and Annual Fees are due by March 31st.

Members wishing to change from the lump sum payment to installment payments: Please submit forms by 15 March.

Please contact Membership at membership@smsa.com or Treasurer at treasurer@smsa.com with questions.



Have you moved?

Changed your email address?

Have a new phone number?

See your email for directions to view and update your contact information or email membership@smsa.com.

Changes must be received by 11 March to be included in the Yearbook.





Commodore's Corner

By Marc Briere
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Early Spring is coming quickly! Our Program Chairs and BoD volunteers are hard at work during this winter season in the annual pre-season preparation activities and with an exciting facility upgrade project – a warming kitchen. This is going to be a great year and I'm very excited to be part of this vibrant and growing club.

March is going to be a busy month at the clubhouse and on the water. Try to make it to Trivia Night on March 6th! It promises to be another fun time for all who can make it. Calvert Artists Guild will have their displays 20-22 March at the clubhouse. High School sailing begins ramping up after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's great to see our volunteers cultivate our next generation of sailors and racers. Thank you, the future of our sport looks bright. Frostbites begin 15 March! We are planning to have our boat on the line and hope to have several other boats join us on the water to knock out the cobwebs and get our muscles retrained to sailing. There will be a Racing Rules seminar conducted by Dan Trammel at the clubhouse on the 15th right after the race. We have several happy hours and a couple of Commodore dinners left this winter – hope to see you there! SpinSheet will be hosting a crew-listing party at our clubhouse on the 29th of March. It's a great opportunity to meet new members and for members to meet owners who are looking for crew. Hope to see you there Our Board meets on the 9th of March – give us feedback on how the club is performing and how we can improve.

We have several members who are selling well prepared yachts that can bring you and your crew to the podium in our racing events and to relaxing destinations throughout the bay along with our seasoned cruisers. Some of these boats are advertised in this Clew newsletter. If you are considering the investment but are concerned about the cost and effort of maintaining your own boat, there are ways to save that many of us have figured out over the years. Let's talk.

Communications – have to be continuous, include constructive criticism and needs to include input from all to ensure we meet expectations and give everyone the best possible benefits for our membership dollars. Here are a few examples of questions I've heard from your program chairs and board members: What can we do to motivate more keelboat owners to come out on weekend formal events? What can we do to motivate more smallboat racers to join in? What incentives would motivate racers and non-racers to volunteer to help with race management activities for smallboat and keelboat events? We have several open positions in the club that need to be filled and the same volunteers are filling multiple roles – How can we get more members to volunteer to do some of these roles? What type of information should be included in our Yearbook publication and what should be maintained elsewhere (e.g. on the website)?

Help us serve you better. Please provide constructive input to these questions and topics near and dear to your sailing hearts to our program chairs and Board of Director members.

See you on the water and in the clubhouse!

SMSA Members,

WE'D BE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU, BECOME A VOLUNTEER!



March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, and we would be very lucky and honored if you would please give of your time to SMSA by volunteering.

We still need a volunteer to be our Communications Chair and this encompasses more than just the Yearbook. For now we're just managing getting the 2020 Yearbook pulled together, but we shouldn't have to be struggling. We need new ideas for communicating with our SMSA family and our community. Please contact rearcommo-dore@smsa.com for details.

The Junior Program is looking for volunteers to help with the High School Regatta on May 3rd. Please see pg.5 or contact junior@smsa.com for more details.

John Blaney (Facilities Chair) still needs volunteers to help with the planning and execution of converting our Social Room into a Warming Kitchen. John's made great progress with some help from Russell Miller and the next set of steps will be to dis-assemble the existing social room so your help is really needed for this project that will benefit the entire club. For more information please contact John (facility@smsa.com).

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered, your service is greatly appreciated.

New items are in bold text

Immediate Needs:	
<u>Communications Chair</u>	Communications Chair (term ended Dec 2019)
<u>Bar</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet Alcohol deliveries once a month on either Wed, Thurs or Fri• Volunteer Bartenders
<u>Facilities</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warming Kitchen—need help dis-assembling the current Social Room in preparation for plumbing and electrical work.• Help removing and reinstalling new kitchen side door and frame.• Reframing new door from warming kitchen into the middle room.

JUNIOR PROGRAM



Barb Whited

Junior Chair

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Summer Camp Registration: Summer sailing camp registration is now open with classes running from June 15 - Aug. 14. Now is the time to register for the specific week(s) you need. Also, if you have neighbors, friends with young sailing candidates, we'd love to have them in camp. We continue to fill most of our classes, so registering soon is a good idea. Go to smsa.com and select Junior to see all the schedule and register.

High School Sailing: High School sailing is open to all students living in Calvert County, no matter where or how they are schooled. The Paxtuxent Sailing team will be practicing on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting March 10, from 3:30pm to 6/6:30pm depending on the sunsets. They have regattas on the weekends at clubs all around our area. Our team now has sailors from Paxtuent, Calvert and Northern HS areas. If you have new potential team members, we will have a **Parent/Sailor Info Night on March 12** after sailing practice. Any student is welcome to come and watch or 'try it out' when we practice. Just please let us know at junior@smsa.com if a youngster wants to come and visit. Questions are welcome. We will call parents back if they email or call the club number.

Regatta Volunteers/Help Needed: The Patuxent High School team will host a regatta for our sailing league on Sunday, May 3. We need volunteers to help us set up and run the regatta. We expect 20 two person teams to participate from high schools all around our district. We will have chores on Saturday, May 2, as well as on the water and shore duties on May 3. The regatta will be run off Glascock's beach with spectator seating along the boardwalk in Solomons. We need volunteers to help us manage all the details. Please let us know at junior@smsa.com if you can help or contact Barbara Whited.

CRUISERS CORNER



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The 2020 Cruise Schedule has been finalized and will be available on the SMSA website under the Cruise tab. Thanks to all the cruise leaders for the time and effort spent on planning the cruises.

Fifteen cruises totaling over 1350 nautical miles and covering the entire bay are scheduled for this year. The cruises range from seven two and three day trips, of various distances and destinations, to an eleven day cruise around the southern bay. One cruise incorporates a race, the Mixed Couple Race to Battle Creek. Anyone interested in cruising should be able to find a cruise on the schedule that fits their needs.

In addition to the schedule, there is a wealth of information and pictures of previous cruises in the Cruise section of the SMSA website, the SMSA Yearbook, and in past issues of the Clew. If you want to find out more about our cruising program take the time to take a look.

SMSA Opening Day is only a month away. Soon boats will be back in the water. What a great time of year.

THINK CRUISING

The Social Scene



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Spinsheet will be hosting a Crew Listing Party at SMSA on Sunday, March 29 from 4-6 p.m. As well as matching up skippers looking for crew and crew looking for boats to sail on, this event will include a panel discussion with SMSA members during which new sailors may ask questions about crewing on others' boats, important gear to have, sailing etiquette, and more.

If you know someone who is interested in getting into the sport of sailing, or if you're interested in getting involved with cruising, keelboat or small-boat racing, please join us for this social event!



SMALL- BOAT RACING



Dan Bowman

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Season planning has begun and if you check the club calendar event dates have been posted. The 2020 NOR/SI's are complete and will be posted in mid-March. The first Thursday race is on April 23rd at 6:30PM and follows for each Thursday until September 24th. The first of the Saturday races is on April 25th so get your boat ready and sort out your sailing gear as the water will still be chilly.

Boat assignments in the yard have started so if you haven't already done so, please contact the Mark Witte or respond to me and I'll forward your request for your existing boat or if you are new and bringing in a boat for 2020.

The volunteer signup page for 2020 has been updated. The Smallboat page is still being worked on and it will indicate that the link is 2019 but if you enter the site you will see the 2020 calendar. If you have a boat in the yard but will not be racing, we need your help as well as there are two volunteer days for yard maintenance, one in March for spring clean up and one in October to clean up after fall. Everyone with a boat in the club yard is expected to volunteer for a minimum of 2 days of Race Committee or yard clean up.

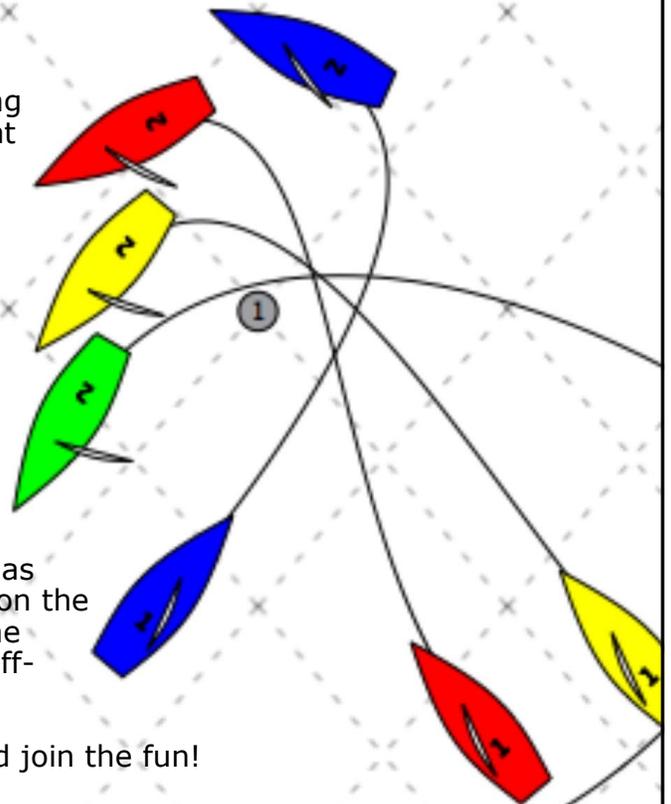
Racing Seminar

Dan Trammell will be presenting a two-part Racing Rules of Sailing seminar at the SMSA clubhouse at 4PM on Sunday March 15 and on Sunday April 5. All skippers and crews are invited. Each session will go about 1.5 hours.

Dan will cover the rules using examples and how they apply to each situation. Definitions, starting area, upwind sailing, windward mark roundings, reaching, downwind sailing, leeward mark roundings, upwind finishes and downwind finishes will all be covered. Dan will entertain any questions along the way and any examples you bring to share with the forum.

Dan is a certified US Sailing National Judge and has lectured extensively (CBYRA and member clubs) on the racing rules. He regularly lectures and coaches the Midshipmen of the US Naval Academy's Varsity Off-shore Sailing Team on the racing rules.

Free to SMSA members and their crew. Come and join the fun!



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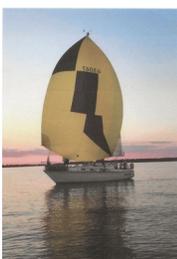
FOR SALE: 1986 Nelson/Marek Merit 28 Safe, Fast, Fun, & Ready to Race. Grand prix deck w/open transom. Includes trailer but will sell separately. \$20K Contact Elliott Peterson 443-624-8662



FOR SALE: SHERMAX, 1981 Catalina 30 #2276 is a classic family cruiser/racer designed by Catalina Yachts owner Frank Butler in 1974. Stable, safe, friendly sailboat for any coastal/inland sea. Cruised extensively in Chesapeake Bay and raced in Wednesday night beer can series with Southern Maryland Sailing Assn. Asking \$14,000. Contact Max Munger (maxmunger@verizon.net) 410-326-9024



FOR SALE: LICKETY-SPLIT, 1980 Pearson 32. Well maintained performance racer-cruiser, in very good condition, actively raced and cruised in Chesapeake Bay by same owner for 35 yrs, racing PHRF rating 168. Rebuilt engine and new interior cushions. Comes with a treasure of sails, dinghy, bimini and many extras. Asking \$14,000. Contact Donna Maneely dsmaneely@verizon.net 301-863-2231.



FOR SALE: Slocum 43 blue water cruiser. Perfect liveaboard. Updates and refit include replaced decks, new seacocks, pumps, sump pumps, plumbing, sinks, faucets, toilet, counter tops, many new electronics, transducers, refrigerator, blinds, canvas, air conditioning, new engine, etc. Recently installed a hot air heating system. New Quantum sails. Asking \$100K. Contact Charlie Collins @ cco-lins218@gmail.com or 240-577-1004



View listing on southern MD Craigslist

Friday
March 6, 2020



Starting at
6:30PM

Get your Boat Crews together and join in the fun

Trivia Format: 4 Rounds of 10 Questions
Maximum players per team is 6

Bring an appetizer/finger food to share
Being a Friday night the bar will be open for Happy Hour

Approximate playing time: 2 hours
Trivia Host: Tom Carrier

KEELBOAT RACING



Dan Shannon

Keelboat Race Chair

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Congratulations to Hawk & Stephanie Caldwell and the Short Bus crew as SMSA High Point winners.



Welcome to March and let the sailing season begin. First Frostbite race begins at 1300 on Sunday, March 15th. Hope to see you on the starting line. My wife is wanting snow and I want to launch my boat. Thanks to those who have signed up for race committee. We have race committee duties for frostbite and the first Wednesday Night race. We are looking for race committee volunteers for the next few races. They are:

- 4/18/2020 Little Choptank Race (SMSA High Point)
- 4/19/2020 Spring Invitational (CBYRA & SMSA High Point)
- 4/22/2020 Wednesday Night Series A-2
- 4/29/2020 Wednesday Night Series A-3

Dan Trammel, a certified US Sailing National Judge, will be conducting a racing rules seminar in two parts on March 15 and April 5 at 4PM at the SMSA Clubhouse. All skippers and crew are invited.



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BARNACLE BAR



Jim Whited

Bar Manager

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I am a few months into this new gig, and still enjoying life. In my last article I thanked the prior Bar management team for leaving the bar in great shape for me to move right in. This month I would like to thank the volunteers and paid bar tenders for getting me off to a good start. For those volunteers that have handled bar deliveries I have not forgotten you. For the first two months we have not had to place any orders for additional stock. That will change in March as we move into the sailing season. I will be placing orders for new stock to support the Frostbite events shortly and we will have lots of deliveries in early March, the point is to have nice fresh stock for the season.

We will be adding some new products and dropping a few slow-moving items as time goes on. The wine and beer menu is the most challenging area of the bar inventory. I would like to offer more choice, but that comes with challenges. We have limited space for stock, both in the back room and the refrigerators. In addition to the limited space problem, our suppliers insist on minimum order quantities for deliveries. So for my first plunge into revamping our beer offerings, I will be dropping Corona Light, and Miller Lite. This will leave us with three light beer offerings: Bud Light, Coors Light, and Michelob Ultra. We must still consume the remaining inventory of Corona Light and Miller Lite, so please make a sacrifice and have one of those beers. I will be monitoring the sales of all products and the popular items will stay at the top of the order/stock list. To make room for new products we really need to eliminate old items that have limited appeal.

For the red wine drinkers, the challenge is maintaining quality offerings of a product that can be difficult to store after a bottle is opened. I would like to hear from the membership on this subject. If we want to carry higher quality wines we will need some creative ideas to continue offering these products at a reasonable price level.

I am working on holding another TAM training class in the Spring. I hope to have a date shortly. In the mean time we will continue to have paid bar tenders as often as their schedules permit. One thing that our members can do to support them is to remember to "Tip your bar tender!".

Thanks for supporting our Barnacle Bar.





Screwpile Regatta Update

Your SMSA 2020 Screwpile Executive Committee, Don Behrens, Shawn Stanley, Jeff Jeffries, Cindi Tatar, David Meiser, Clarke McKinney, and Jim Keen, has been busy strategizing and planning for the 2020 edition of Screwpile. As racing participation has been dwindling the last several years across the Chesapeake Bay, we have been working very hard to plan a regatta that will attract a large cross-section of Bay

racers as well as create an exciting and fun event that will be memorable for all involved.

Significant changes include moving Screwpile to September (27th and 28th) and going back to Safe Harbor Zahniser's Marina for the parties and awards. A chance for a little more wind and a little less heat, combined with professional race management and great parties under the tent at Z's, should be a recipe for a great Screwpile.

In late January, we received interest from the J-70 and J-35 one-design Fleet Captains in bringing their fleets to Screwpile. We also recently learned that the U.S. Melges 24 One-Design Class posted Screwpile on their official class calendar as a warm-up for their October National Championships in Oxford. In addition, once again, US Patriot Sailing has chosen Screwpile as one of four regattas at which the Patriot Cup award will be presented.

We are working to expand our count of Screwpile sponsors and hope to announce some new partners. At the same time, we also welcome back long-time great sponsors Mount Gay Rum, SpinSheet, Safe Harbor Zahniser's Marina, AMEWAS, ZENETEX, Toyota, TEAM Hyundai, Holiday Inn, Chesapeake Embroidery, Regatta, WRI, Calvert County, Calvert Marine Museum, and Anne Arundel Dive Services.



The Screwpile web site is up and running www.screwpile.net with the Notice of Race posted. If you are an SMSA racer, please register early. You can also register by going directly to the Yacht Scoring web site... <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11776>.

The Screwpile 2020 Executive Committee is currently soliciting volunteers to help with the regatta... on-the-water, shoreside, and other miscellaneous tasks. It takes a lot of volunteers to successfully prepare for and execute a big-time regatta like Screwpile. Whether you are an old-timer working Screwpile or a newcomer volunteer please contact Jim Keen, Screwpile 2020 Regatta Chairman at chairman@screwpile.net, or by phone... 240 925-1173. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

For all SMSA events see our Website
<https://www.smsa.com/calendar.php>

Date	Subject	Time
Friday, March 6	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Friday, March 6	Trivia Night	6:30pm
Monday, March 9	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, March 13	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Sunday, March 15	Spring Frostbite Series	1:00pm
Sunday, March 15	Racing Rules Refresher Part I	4:00pm
Thursday, March 19	Sock Burning - Die Hard Event	5:00pm
Friday, March 20	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Sunday, March 22	Spring Frostbite Series	
Friday, March 27	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Sunday, March 29	Spring Frostbite Series	
Sunday, March 29	Spinsheet Crew Listing Party	4:00pm
Friday, April 3	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Saturday, April 4	Opening Day	9:30am
Sunday, April 5	Spring Frostbite Series	
Friday, April 10	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Friday, April 17	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Saturday, April 18	Little Choptank Race	
Sunday, April 19	Spring Invitational	
Friday, April 24	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Saturday, April 25	St Leonard Cruise	
Saturday, April 25	Spring Fling—Smallboat	11:00am



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